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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takeshi KAMEDA et al. Conf.: 4264

Appl. No.: 09/138,578 Group: 2631

Filed: August 24, 1998 Examiner: P. KUMAR

For: DATA TRANSMISSION LINE USED  
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P.O. Box 1450  
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November 17, 2003

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Transmitted herewith is a reply in the above-identified application.

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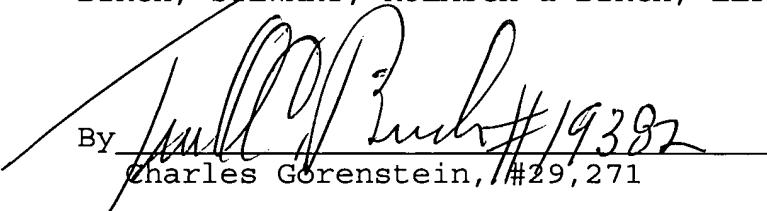
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to November 17, 2003, by the filing of a petition for extension of time concurrently herewith, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Amendments to the Claims; and Remarks.